

## CHAPTER 6 INFORMAL SURVEILLANCE

**1. GENERAL.** Because of the nature of informal inspections, the assigned principal Aviation Safety Inspector (ASI) determines the work content, depth, scope, and the specific area of the operation to emphasize. Surveillance visits may help an ASI to maintain acquaintance with the operator's employees and supervisors and familiarization with work methods, program details, equipment configuration, etc. An informal surveillance visit may be

used for generalized or nonspecific surveillance of repair, overhaul, modification, or inspection procedures.

**3. FAA PRESENCE.** Informal surveillance serves to establish the FAA's presence in the operator's activities. Random visits to the operator's work areas remind both the operator and employees that their compliance with the regulations is under continuous surveillance.

